(e) the steps taken by Government to improve the school enrolment in rural and hilly areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per the provisional statistics available for the year 2002-03, in Uttaranchal, Gross Enrolment Ratio in classes I-XII (6-18 years) in rural areas is 78.70 per cent as compared to total Gross Enrolment Ratio of 83.93 per cent.

(c) and (d) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, an amount of Rs. 121.98 crore and Rs. 167.54 crore was allotted to Uttaranchal during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. Out of which, Rs. 96.37 crore and Rs. 146.88 crore were utilized by the State Government during the respective years.

(e) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, in 2006-07, 223 primary schools and 253 upper primary schools have been sanctioned covering eligible habitations of the State to improve the enrolment of children in schools.

MPs' Recommendation for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2452. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Member of Parliament can recommend for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas outside constituency in the case of the students not belonging to his own constituency;

(b) whether as the demands for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas are increasing day by day, Government are contemplating any plan for increasing the quota of M.Ps for admission; and

(c) how Government propose to cope with the increasing trend of demands for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalayas were set up primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees. These requirements are largely being met by the existing Kendriya

These requirements are largely being met by the existing Kendriya Vidyalayas. Government has also sanctioned 50 new Kendriya Vidyalayas to meet the educational needs of children in the Special Focus districts.

Using school children as crowds

2453. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has issued any recent circular advising, cautioning and warning schools not to use school children as crowds for any function;

(b) if so, the details and dates of such circulars issued by CBSE;

(c) whether any effort has been made by CBSE to particularly monitor Government schools all over the country in this regard;

(d) what new initiatives the CBSE will take to ensure that children are not ill treated; and

(e) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D.PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CBSE has issued a circular dated 10th March, 2005 containing instructions to all its affiliated schools for ensuring the safety of students during conduct of events/programmes by the schools. The circular provides the following guidelines:—

(i) Duration of programmes should be informed to students/parents in advance.

(ii) The students may not be allowed to stand for long hours either in hot Sun or in cold weather.

(iii) Adequate arangements to be made for protected drinking water facilities to them and for public convenience whenever necessary.

(iv) Necessary facilities to be seated or to gather in a shade or shamiana be arranged.

(v) Arrangements may be made for transportation from the school venue and back.